

42 (d) thereof; that Section 3 of Article 88A of said Code, title "State Department of Public Welfare," sub-title "Board of Welfare," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and all to read as follows:

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(e) *The State Department of Health is authorized to contract with the State Department of Public Welfare for supplying medical services to ~~the indigent~~ THOSE PERSONS for whom funds have been granted to the State Department of Public Welfare and for whom the State Department of Public Welfare under the appropriation has responsibility.*

3. The State Department of Public Welfare shall be the central, coordinating and directing agency of all welfare activities in this State, including Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, Public Assistance to the Needy Blind, General Public Assistance, Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled, Child Welfare Services, and any other welfare activities financed in whole or in part by the State or Federal Government. *It shall have responsibility for medical care to public assistance clients to the extent that funds are provided in appropriations to the State Department of Public Welfare in the State budget, and make such plans, including contractual relations, with other agencies and institutions as may be necessary to carry this responsibility into effect.* It shall exercise supervision, as hereinafter set forth, over all public and private institutions having the care, custody or control of dependent, delinquent, abandoned or neglected children. All of the activities of the County Boards, hereinafter provided for, and of the Department of Public Welfare of Baltimore City, which the State finances, in whole or in part, shall be subject to the supervision, direction and control of the State Department of Public Welfare. The State Department shall also investigate, from time to time, the whole system of public and private institutions, organizations and agencies of a charitable nature in this State, including those which receive part of their income from this State, except those placed by law under the supervision of another State agency. Prior to the convening of each regular session of the General Assembly, the Department shall furnish to the Governor a report of its activities and of the condition of all charitable institutions, organizations and agencies, excepting hospitals, receiving financial aid from the State; and it shall make recommendations as to appropriations for such institutions, giving its reasons therefor as fully as may be practicable.

~~SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.~~

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THIS ACT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND NECESSARY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A YEA AND NAY VOTE, SUPPORTED BY THREE-FIFTHS OF

ALL THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH OF THE TWO HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF ITS PASSAGE.

Approved March 18, 1957.